

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Kousa Dogwood
Cornus kousa

The opposite, ovate leaves are 3 inches (7.5 cm) long and 2 inches (5 cm) across, taper-pointed, with wavy margins, untoothed, dark green and smooth above with tufts of brown hair in the vein axils beneath. The red-brown bark peels in irregularly shaped plates as it ages. The tiny yellow-white or greenish flowers occur in dense hemispherical clusters atop long stalks. In early summer, each cluster is surrounded by four creamy white or pink-tinged, taper-pointed bracts. The fleshy strawberry-like fruit is small and hangs in clusters from a pendulous head. The Kousa Dogwood is said to grow anywhere from 20 feet (6 m) to 50 feet (15 m) in height, depending on growing conditions.

-photos courtesy Allen J. Coombes



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

As you receive this issue of the TreeLink News Bulletin, the month of May is already speeding by. On page two you will find a job announcement which should help to ensure the TreeLink News Bulletin gets back on schedule. Arbor Month is over and the pollen is finally starting to settle. I hope everyone had a productive and fun Arbor Day, however you chose to spend it. I spent my time visiting communities all over the state. Some of the places I celebrated Arbor Day were the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma, Sharpstein Elementary in Walla Walla, Howard Aimen Park in Richland, and the Yakima Area Arboretum in Yakima. It was a pleasure to meet so many fellow "tree people" around the state and to see the concepts of the Urban and Community Forestry Program and the Washington Community Forestry Council being actualized in communities around the state. - K.L.

1999 Urban Forestry Assistance Grants Awarded

For the past several years, the DNR Urban and Community Forestry Program, the Washington Community Forestry Council, and the United States Forest Service have been offering monetary assistance to communities and organizations for urban forestry projects. This year 30 applications were submitted, with a total requested amount of \$180,000. Filtering through the applications was a tough job due to the high quality, but the review committee finally agreed to fund 17 projects, with a total awarded amount of \$95,000. All of the projects which will be receiving funding are listed below with a brief description of what their project entails. Notice the wide diversity of not only the grantees, but also of the proposed projects.

City of Burlington
City of Cle Elum
City of Deer Park
City of Ferndale
Mid-Columbia Community Forestry Council
Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement
City of Mount Vernon
City of Olympia
Orting School District #344
Plant Amnesty
Port Townsend School District #50
Spokane County Parks and Recreation
City of Spokane Parks and Recreation
City of Sumas
☆Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
City of Wenatchee
☆City of Yelm

Planning and Planting Community Forest
Organization of Tree Commission and Tree Planting
Create an Arboretum in Swinyard and Mix Park
Ferndale Community Forest Restoration
Teacher Training in Community Forestry Education
Newaukum Creek Restoration / Monitoring Project
Division Street Demonstration Tree Planting Plan
Interactive Master Street Tree Plan
Ptarmigan Ridge Outdoor Learning Center
Urban Forestry Outreach Project
Drought Resistant Conifer Study
Glenden Park Wildlife Corridor Project
Master Park Tree Inventory
Johnson and Sumas Creeks' Restoration
Swinomish Village Urban Forestry Plan
Wenatchee Area Community Forestry Project
Yelm City Tree Nursery

The grantees marked with a "☆" denote something special that happened this year. The Urban and Community Forestry Program is working in partnership with Washington Community Trade and Economic Development to help fund these projects, which allowed the Program to stretch its limited grant funds to even more projects. If you would like to find out more about how you, your community, or your organization can apply for these dollars, contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-537-8733.

ArborMasters Coming to Spokane

ArborMaster Training is a four-day training program that provides hands-on experience of the very latest techniques in safe and productive tree work. The instructors are internationally reknown tree-climbers/arborists, Ken Palmer and Rip Tompkins. The training will take place July 15-16, 1999, and August 19-20, 1999. On the final day, there will be an *ArborMaster Skills Competition*, and students are eligible to compete. The top climber in each regional competition then qualifies to compete in the *ArborMaster North American Finals* for champion status and big bucks. Successful completion of the course qualifies the ISA Certified Arborist for 30 continuing education units (CEUs). If you register by June 14, 1999, the cost is \$695.00. If you register after June 14, 1999, a \$25 late fee will be added. The training is being sponsored by the Inland Northwest Arborist Association. If you are interested, contact Rich Baker at (509) 466-6559 for information.

In the works (continued)

Trees don't recognize social class.
They flower and grow to majestic
heights equally well next to the
humblest cabin and the most
magnificent palace.

TRIVIA: What kind of tree does cork come from?

(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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(Cork Oak, *Quercus suber*)

FORESTER 2 - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FORESTER

Recruitment # I-1-9-063-OC-S SG

CLOSES: June 2, 1999

There is an opening with the Department of Natural Resources in Olympia for the Community Assistance Forester. The job duties include assisting the Urban Forestry Program Coordinator in providing technical expertise and professional consulting to city and community staff, the public, and department staff in managing Washington's urban and community forests. Applicants must be willing to travel, maintain a flexible work schedule, and make presentations to citizen and professional groups.

Eligible applicants must possess a Bachelor's degree in forestry, urban forestry, horticulture, urban landscape planning or landscape architecture and two years of professional experience administering or coordinating an urban and community forestry program; OR

A technical (two-year) degree in forestry, urban forestry, horticulture, urban landscape planning or landscape architecture and four years of technical experience administering or coordinating an urban and community forestry program.

The examination for all candidates will consist of verification and evaluation of experience and education based on information contained in the application and references which may be obtained from former employees and schools. Be sure to provide clear, detailed information about your job-related education and experience as this is the information that will be scored. We will mail your score to you, but we cannot tell you your ranking on the list of job applicants. Additional information will not be accepted after the closing date of this announcement.

Note: Applicants who meet the requirements will receive a packet describing the interview process and schedule by mail during the week of June 14, 1999. Applicants will be requested to respond to the information in this packet by June 25, 1999. This announcement is published by the Washington State Department of Personnel. Persons with a disability who need assistance in the application or testing process, or those needing this announcement in an alternative format, may call (360) 664-1960 or Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (360) 753-4107.

For more detailed position information and applications, please visit the Department of Personnel's website at <http://www.wa.govbulletins/19063ocs.htm> or call TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

A City Among the Trees is a 200-page workbook which integrates elements of urban forestry, comprehensive planning, and sustainability. It will prove to be a valuable resource for citizens planning for trees and green spaces and will foster awareness and political support for future urban forestry management. This book is a must have for anyone interested in the wonderful world of urban and community forestry. Between its covers, you will find information on topics like: urban tree benefits, planning, tree selection, planting, tree care, street and park trees, natural areas, tree preservation, and a phenomenal resource guide. Copies can be purchased from Seattle Transportation for the bargain price of \$10. Order one now. For more information, contact Liz Ellis at liz.ellis@ci.seattle.wa.us or (206) 684-5008.

May

- 14-15 Certified Landscape Technician Exam. Clover Park Technical College, Fort Lewis Campus. If you would like more information, contact the Washington Association of Landscape Professionals at P.O. Box 50253, Bellevue, WA 98015 or (425) 644-7642.
- 21 The Oak Root Zone II, A Day Exploring Life Underground. Sebastopol Grange, Sebastopol, CA. Program and registration information is available from the Western Chapter of ISA at (916) 649-2990.

June

- 8 Hazard Tree Evaluation Workshop. Center for Urban Horticulture, UW College of Forest Resources, Seattle, WA. For more information, contact CUH at (206) 685-8033.
- 9 Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting. Ferndale, WA. 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. For more information, contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.